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A PROFITABLE VENTURE

CAFE USED AS GAMING HOUSE

MARGATE MAN FINED

An admission that a "fruit" machine was reinstated after he had been warned by the police that it was illegal was made at Margate police court on Friday by Barnett Eli Hann, of Acacia Cafe, Manston-road, Margate, who was charged with keeping a common gaming house on dates between 11th and 19th February.

Hann admitted that his half share of the proceeds of the machine amounted to between £1 10s. and £2 a week.

Defendant was fined £5, ordered to pay £1 2s. costs, and the magistrates, at the request of the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) made an order for the destruction of the machine.

The Chief Constable said arrangements were made for visits to be paid to the Acacia Cafe by members of the R.A.F. service police, under the direction of the civil police. Defendant was the occupier of the premises on behalf of his son, who was serving abroad. In April, 1941, a complaint was received concerning the use at the cafe of what was known as a fruit machine and defendant was then seen by D/I Cory, who informed him that it was illegal and asked him to have it removed. The machine was removed, but recently reports had been received that it was being used again.

Mr. Palmer said such machines had been declared to be illegal. They consisted of three revolving drums, each bearing numbers, and a jack pot. There was also a so-called brake to each drum, operated by pressing a button. The object was to obtain a sequence of numbers. If, for instance, three nines were showing when the drums stopped after inserting a penny, the player received 20 pennies. For three fives he received 14 pennies and for three threes he won 10d. The most one could win was 1s. 8d. for a penny. There was no skill required, for the brakes had no effect. It was entirely chance. A player might also win the jack pot, which could have as much as 10s. in it.

Lost His Winnings.

On 11th February two members of the R.A.F. police went to the cafe and saw the machine being operated by a number of persons. One of the R.A.F. officers put 8d. into the machine and won 1s. 3d. The next afternoon they went there again and some airmen were among those who were playing on the machine. The R.A.F. policeman who had won the previous day put 1s. 2d. into the machine and lost it all. On 17th February the service policemen found soldiers, airmen and men of the United States Forces playing on the machine. One of the policemen put in 1s. 8d. and received back 1s. 4d. In consequence of what was reported, a warrant was obtained and that (Friday) morning D/I Cory and other officers visited the cafe. The machine was removed and defendant was brought to the police station. When charged with keeping a common gaming house he said "I don't know about it being a gaming house. It was bought as a cafe and run as a cafe." There was £2 6s. 10d. in the machine, of which 5s. 1d. was in the jack pot.

"This is rather a pernicious type of machine," added the Chief Constable. "It causes men to gamble and the chances are apparently unfavourable to the player."

Takings Shared.

Defendant said he understood the machine was there when his son bought the premises, although it did not actually belong to the place. The machine was owned by a man whom, he believed, the police knew. He left it there and they shared the takings, which averaged £1 10s. and sometimes £2 a week each. When he was previously told the machine was illegal he told the owner to take it away, which he did. Later the owner returned and told him it would be all right to have it again, saying the previous trouble was caused by soldiers, who took it through the window and tried to open it. The man added that he had such machines all over the place and he (defendant) need not worry about it. He therefore let him put it back.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): But you knew it was illegal?

Defendant: The owner said it was quite all right and that the police did not take much notice. I was induced by him to take it back.

The Chief Constable said the machine was clearly a money-making affair and was worked on a 50-50 basis between the owner and the occupier of the cafe. The amount they received depended on the extent to which the machine was used. The owner of the cafe undoubtedly received a considerable revenue from it.

It Pays Sometimes.

Defendant said one of the inducements put forward to his son when he took the cafe was that the machine would pay part of the rent. Men put a few pence in it while they were waiting for their meals to be cooked.

"Sometimes there is more money in it than others," he added, "and sometimes the kitty pays out."

The Chief Constable said in the event of a conviction being recorded he would ask for an order for the destruction of the machine, particularly in view of the fact that previously the machine was reinstated after an undertaking to remove it had been given. Destruction was the only means by which such machines could be got rid of. If it was handed back to the owner it would only be transferred to another place at a suitable time.

The Magistrates' Clerk: It is a profitable machine, I suppose.

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford), who presided, said the magistrates considered it a bad case, especially as defendant installed the machine again after being warned. He would be fined £5 and ordered to pay £1 2s. costs, and an order would be made for the destruction of the machine.

HORTICULTURAL OFFICERS

KEEPING THE FLAG FLYING

Although the war has seriously reduced the activities of the Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society, the funds of the organisation have increased by £10 during the past year.

Mr. Harry Tucker (chairman) presided at the annual meeting of the society held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday, and in a brief report the secretary (Mr. J. K. Massey) referred to the show held in September at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. From the point of view of finance and exhibits the effort was most successful and as a result the society had enrolled nine new members.

The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. Tucker; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Cullen; treasurer, Mr. W. R. K. Liddell; secretary, Mr. Massey; assistant secretary, Mr. Harry Doughty. The committee had lost eight members by death and removal from the district and the remainder were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. H. Farley and Mrs. C. Skelton.

Thanking the members for their confidence in him, Mr. Tucker said he would do all in his power to foster the interests of the society which he had so much at heart.

Councillor W. J. Rockingham Smith attended the meeting and was elected a vice-president, but Alderman T. W. Mockridge (chairman of the Parks and Gardens Committee of Ramsgate Town Council) was unable to be present. Councillor Smith said there was a proposition that a fete should be held during the Wings for Victory Week in May and the society promised their co-operation.

This year the organisation will run two shows—one about the third week in July and the other during the first week of November.

MR. EDWARD PAINE

DEATH OF FORMER MARGATE BANK MANAGER

The death occurred at Tunbridge Wells on Friday of Mr. Edward Paine, former Margate bank manager.

Mr. Paine, who was 67 years of age, lived in Margate for about 40 years.

A native of Ramsgate, where his father was an hotel proprietor, Mr. Paine joined the staff of the London and Midland Bank in 1897. After working in London he came to Margate in 1900 when a branch of the bank was opened in Paradise-street. It was then the London, City and Midland Bank. Mr. Paine was chief clerk to Mr. Arthur Powell, the then manager, and in 1913 was appointed manager of the branch.

Mr. Paine retired in 1934 and since 1940 had been living at Pax, Royal-esplanade, Tunbridge Wells.

ODEON TALENT CONTEST

Three more artistes qualified for the final of the talent contest on the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday.

L/Cpl. David Segal, with clever impersonations, gained the first place in the heat and Gnr. Gritton came second with a display of lively tap-dancing. The other artiste to be selected was Miss Joan Milgate, of Broadstairs, who sang modern numbers and led the audience in the choruses. L/Bdr. Britton (mouth-organ), Mrs. Turner and Gnr. Head (vocalists) and L/Bdr. Logan (piano) also competed.

An old friend of the patrons returned in the person of Reg Taney, who entertained with piano and accordeon. Reg was enjoying a short leave.

Mr. R. W. Philpott

DEATH OF FORMER RAMSGATE MAYOR

We regret to record the death, which occurred at his home at West Malling, on Monday, of Mr. Richard William Philpott, a former Mayor of Ramsgate.

Prior to the last war Mr. Philpott carried on business in High-street, Ramsgate, as a printer and stationer. He entered Ramsgate

Town Council as a representative of the St. Lawrence Ward in 1907 and for many years played a prominent part in public life in Ramsgate.

Mr. Philpott was Mayor of the borough in 1919 and again in 1920, and in 1923 was elevated to the aldermanic bench.

One of his chief interests was in the work of Ramsgate Education Committee and he was for several years chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. He also represented Ramsgate on the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board and was a parochial overseer.

An ardent Methodist, Mr. Philpott was a trustee of St. Lawrence Methodist Church and he had preached frequently in the pulpit of that church and of Hardres-street Methodist Church.

Many Ramsgate organisations have reason to remember with gratitude the support given them by Mr. Philpott and his passing will be mourned by the members of Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club, of which he was a former president.

In recent years Mr. Philpott had suffered greatly but bore his illness with fortitude.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow, two daughters and son.

The funeral will take place at West Malling on Friday.

DEATH OF MR. R. T. HARVEY

Mr. Richard Thomas Harvey, who for many years carried on business as a hairdresser in Harbour-street, Ramsgate, passed away in a hospital during the week-end.

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A BUSY YEAR

MAGISTRATES' TRIBUTE TO RAMSGATE PROBATION OFFICERS

Tribute to the work during 1942 of the two Ramsgate Probation Officers, Mr. B. K. Hemsley and Miss A. G. Robinson, was paid by the chairman of the magistrates (Mr. H. J. Perry) following the business at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The Chairman said the number of probation and supervision cases brought forward from the previous year was 19, and in 1942 18 new cases were added. The total for the year was 37 cases, four of which were dealt with by Miss Robinson and the remainder by Mr. Hemsley.

During the year nine persons completed their period of supervision and two cases were transferred to probation officers of other courts. In seven of the cases in which supervision ceased the results were reported to be satisfactory.

In addition to their work under the Probation of Offenders' Act and the Children and Young Persons' Act, continued Mr. Perry, many other matters occupied the time and attention of the two Probation Officers. These included supervision of persons fined, 3; after-care supervision, 6; inquiries as to means, 5; home surroundings reports, 26; miscellaneous inquiries, 7; applications referred to the officers by the court, 13; applications made directly to the officers, 35; number of couples reconciled, 14.

From these figures it would be seen that their Probation Officers had been kept busy during the year and that their labours had met with considerable success.

"We take this opportunity," said Mr. Perry, "of thanking them publicly for their valued services and the manner in which they have continued to deal with all matters referred to them, and, at the same time, desire to congratulate them very heartily on the success of their efforts in so many instances."

A Temporary Scheme.

Mr. Perry said it was a convenient opportunity to mention that since the end of January a re-arrangement of the duties of the probation officers in this part of Kent had been made by the County Combined Probation Committee with the object of bringing about a fairer distribution of their work. Under this scheme, which they were assured was of a temporary nature only, Mr. Hemsley had been called upon to serve in a district outside Thanet to ease the work of another officer in that area and Mr. Bray, his colleague at Margate, had taken over Mr. Hemsley's work in Ramsgate. They were sorry to lose Mr. Hemsley for the time being but, in view of the circumstances brought to their notice, it was clear that the scheme was necessary, and they were satisfied that with the capable services of Mr. Bray at their disposal probation work would be maintained at its customary high level.

On behalf of the police, C/I Butcher said he wished also to thank the probation officers for their work during the year. No one understood more than the police the value and extent of their work. The officers undertook work which the police handed to them directly. In many cases the police considered placing persons under the probation officers was better procedure than bringing them before the court.

Mr. Hemsley said he very much enjoyed his work at Ramsgate and he would look forward to the time when he would be with them again. He would still be living in Ramsgate and as far as his duties allowed hoped to keep in touch with his work in the town.

BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS

MAY BE SUMMONED FOR WASTING FUEL

A warning that people who left lights burning at night in unoccupied premises might, in addition to the black-out offence, be summoned for wasting fuel, was given at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Percy Henry Holmes, aged 38, slaughterman, of Douro House, Pains of Waterloo, pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show at the slaughterhouse in Broad-street on the evening of 8th February.

W/R Reader said he entered the premises, which were insecure, and extinguished the light.

P/S Files said defendant told him he took full responsibility as he was in charge of the premises. He intended returning on the afternoon of 8th February but forgot to do so. The light was apparently left on by a workman.

A fine of £2 was imposed.

C/I Butcher said that in this type of case the person responsible was also liable to be summoned for wasting fuel.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION'S VISIT

Thanks to the enterprise and enthusiasm of Lt. Watkins, Miss Vera Dace, British women's table tennis champion, visited Ramsgate on Saturday and delighted a gathering, composed mainly of service men and women, in a series of games.

It was a delight to watch such an accomplished exponent. A left-hander, Miss Dace is as light on her feet as a ballet dancer and is strong in both defence and attack. Her cross court shots are perfectly timed and she hits really hard.

Sgt. Gerald Frischer, well-known in the table tennis world, was Miss Dace's strongest opponent.

Others who took part were Lt. Watkins and Messrs. Tripp, A. Burley and D. Molock.

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Local branches of the W.V.S. are making good headway in raising funds to endow a "Thanet bed" in the new memorial wing of a Malta hospital to be built by the Silver Thimble Fund.

The cost of the bed is £1,000 and it is understood that Westgate and district have already raised £518.

Over 250 tickets were sold for a whist drive held in aid of the fund at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Thursday and Mrs. Gummer announced that £23 11s. had been realised and this would be added to the £20 already collected in the town.

The Ramsgate W.V.S. Centre Organiser (Mrs. Blinko) thanked the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) for attending, all the patrons for their support, and Mr. Pook, the efficient M.C.

A competition for a beautiful basket of farm produce given by a Westgate woman added £6 6s. to the profits.

The winners were Mrs. Cockram, Mrs. Blinko, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Minter, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Thain, Mrs. Last, Miss Impett, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Daguati, Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Pettitt, Mrs. Howard.

Any donations or gifts in kind to the fund will be gladly received at the W.V.S. headquarters, Effingham-street, Ramsgate, by Mrs. Blinko, who is an authorised collector for the Silver Thimble Fund.

SOCIAL FIREMEN

MEET ONE ANOTHER'S FAMILIES

Part-time members of the N.F.S. attached to the Southwood sub-station, Ramsgate, enjoyed some relaxation on Saturday evening when they held their first social at the British Legion headquarters, Cliff-street.

They invited their wives and families, the company numbering nearly 50, and Fireman D. Drake, the popular M.C., kept the fun going. Games were interspersed with musical items by Ldg. Fireman E. Jones, Fireman W. Andrews, Mrs. F. Warden, Mrs. H. E. Gunn, Master Victor Warden, Ldg. Fireman C. Castle and Mr. W. Drake.

Refreshments were served during an interval and Ldg. Fireman Castle read a letter of welcome from the secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the British Legion (Mr. J. Tucker). The toast of the part-time firemen was proposed by Company Officer Hills, and Ldg. Fireman Castle, responding, said he thought it was fitting that they should meet that night and unite with one another's families, for many a time the wives were left at home while the men were on duty.

He expressed thanks to all who had made the evening such a success, in particular to the committee, consisting of Firemen D. Drake, F. Warden, C. Castle and A. Warden.

Mr. J. Farley said he was in the unique position that night of being a member of the N.F.S. and president of the Ramsgate British Legion and he welcomed the members of Southwood sub-station.

The evening finished with the firemen singing "Good night, ladies," everybody joining in "Auld lang syne."

VISIT OF FAMOUS DANCE BAND

Local dancers will be glad to hear that the Central Air Force Band, Uxbridge, conducted by Sgt. J. Miller, is returning to the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 11th March.

The band will provide the music for a grand Royal Air Force ball in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Services Comforts and Troopers' Funds.

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Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sherrington, of 87 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate, Mr. Frederick Arnold Sherrington was married at St. Barnabas' Church, Manor Park, on Saturday, to Miss Violet Rosetta Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chapman, of Browning-road, Manor Park.

The bride was given away by her father and was attired in a dress of white satin, with veil and orange blossom and long train. She carried a bouquet of red carnations and was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Helen Chapman (sister) and Janet and Betty Sherrington. All the attendants wore pink silk dresses with silver Juliet caps and blue muffs.

Mr. W. R. Sherrington (brother of the bridegroom) was best man and the hymn "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," was sung.

Seventy guests attended the reception at the home of the bride's parents and the happy couple later left for their new home in West Kensington.

The bridegroom was formerly employed by Messrs. F. J. Pike (Ramsgate) Ltd., the shopfitters, and he is now engaged on Government work.

DEATH OF MR. S. J. LANGLEY

The death occurred suddenly last week at his home, 98 Station-road, Finchley, of Mr. Sidney John Langley, son of the late Alderman J. S. G. Langley, a Freeman and former Mayor of Ramsgate.

A post-mortem examination showed death to be due to natural causes.

Mr. Langley was for a number of years in the service of Ramsgate Education Committee as handicraft instructor at the Ellington Centre. Like his father, he was keenly interested in sport and umpired for St. George's Cricket Club.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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21 —	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
24 —	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	13/-	21/-	39/-
27 —	2/3	3/6	4/6	8/-	15/-	24/-	45/-
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None of the advertisements below relates to a woman between 20 and 30 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

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REQUIRED immediately, Women able to drive, as Manageresses and Assistants of Mobile Canteens serving troops in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hants; age limit 50; no previous catering experience necessary; good wages; free board and lodging; free uniform (except shoes and stockings) on surrender of a nominal number of clothing coupons; holidays with pay and travel facilities; rail fare paid on engagement.—Write, stating whether Mrs. or Miss, to N.A.A.F.I., 55 West-street, Reigate, Surrey, or any Employment Exchange. Local interview will be arranged if necessary. †97

BAKER Pastrycook required; comfortable position.—Crameri's, 105 High-street, Ashford, Kent. 97

BOY wanted, permanent, 14 to 16; good wages.—Harryman, Bakers, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 97

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Aldwych House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.

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HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others.—Send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers, Staffordshire - street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

WANTED TO BUY

HOOVER Vacuum Cleaner, also best condition Carpet.—Particulars to 19 Alexandra-road, Southbourne, Bournemouth 98

LOST

LOST, Train Brown Hat, with 5 Service Badges; great sentimental value.—Finder please return, St. Lawrence House, Canterbury. Reward. 98

SITUATIONS WANTED

WOMAN Driver will take full or part-time job.—Write, Box 642, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 99

T. H. WHITE

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Sgt. A. E. Rowe, R.F.A., of 19 Hillbrow-road, Ramsgate, has received the Mons Star and ribbon. He has been in the Army for 16 years and came through the Mons retreat without injury.

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Cpl. Frederick Hall, of the Military Mounted Police, was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday, to Miss Ethel Blanche Reed, of Strood. Cpl. Hall's parents live in Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

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Capt. Kenneth Skelton, R.F.C., fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Skelton, of Alleen, Percy-road, Broadstairs, has died from injuries sustained while flying in France. Capt. Skelton was given a commission in 1916 when only 17 years of age and served with The Buffs in Salonika. He was afterwards transferred to the R.F.C. and did excellent work on the western front.

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Smn. William James Carter, R.N., whose home was at Bellevue-cottages, Ramsgate, has been drowned at sea while serving on a submarine. He was an old boy of St. Lawrence School.

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Pte. Percy Shelvey, R.A.M.C., of Broadstairs, who was home on leave in December after over three years' service, has now returned to Salonika. He was stationed for a short time on the east coast before his return.

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One of the new, if minor, industries at Ramsgate is the manufacture of fire-lighters and the Invicta Speciality Company, who are putting the product on the market, have chosen an extremely favourable time for their activities. Wood is difficult to obtain and the price of the well-known little bundles of firewood has soared to a region that makes the cost prohibitive to some people.

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The whole of the stock at a Ramsgate poulterer's one day this week was a chicken priced at 10s.

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Pte. A. H. Williams and Pte. J. B. Peters, of The Buffs, both of Ramsgate, have been reported prisoners of war in German hands.

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Cpl. A. Chubb, R.G.A., formerly engaged in business in Ramsgate, is now with his battery in France.

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O/S A. A. Drayson, R.N.V.R., who has been training for the past five months, has been home on leave. He is a son of Mr. F. R. Drayson, steward of the Ramsgate Club.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

VISIT OF GENERAL BOOTH

General Booth visited Ramsgate on Thursday and gave addresses at the Salvation Army Barracks in the afternoon and evening. Great preparations were made by members of the Ramsgate Corps for the reception of the General and a large number came from Canterbury and adjoining places to bid him welcome. At two o'clock they proceeded to the L.C. and D. Railway station, headed by the brass band in full uniform. About 2.15 the train which conveyed the General from headquarters arrived and he was received with musical honours, amid much cheering from the crowd awaiting his arrival. The General, who is now somewhat advanced in years, still retains that vitality and energy which he has always maintained throughout his career

COFFEE TAVERN DIVIDEND

The 15th ordinary general meeting of the Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Coffee Tavern Co. Ltd. was held at the Victoria Temperance Hotel on Wednesday. Capt. L. W. Vaile, chairman of the company, presided and there were also present Messrs. W. F. Pygott, L. Hart, G. Chapman, J. Tritsch, J. Pilcher, T. C. Fuller, C. Fish, W. Woodruff and G. Lake. The accounts of the company show a balance of £510 18s. 3d. and a dividend of 5 per cent. is to be paid.

RAMSGATE POSTAL APPOINTMENT

Mr. H. E. Mirams, of Queen's-road, Ramsgate, sorting clerk and telegraphist at Ramsgate Post Office, has been appointed postmaster at **Plympton S.O.,** Devonshire.

Mr. Mirams, who joined the postal service as a learner in 1912, was appointed sorting clerk and telegraphist the following year.

During the last war he served as a sapper with a signals section of the Royal Engineers and was stationed in German East Africa from 1917 to 1919.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

HE STILL LAUGHS

By

Pierre Audemars

1.

They had been reconnoitring the manor house at Chessington with a view to relieving the Colonel of his valuable heirlooms, when the dog suddenly ran out from the village green.

That would have been the end of the dog if Frank had been driving, but Stein had always been impulsive. And he was fond of dogs. Or perhaps he heard the girl cry out.

Whatever the reason, he turned the car into the wall. The wall proved the harder, and took the shock rather better than the radiator, which had never been designed to fulfil the functions of a tank. But his quickness saved the dog's life.

2.

The girl was more than pretty. And she was grateful because she loved her dog. The combination proved irresistible to Stein, who had always been susceptible.

Introductions followed. Frank said little, which was wise, for Stein introduced him as "my man." The girl's name was Lucy, and she proved to be the Colonel's niece.

Soon afterwards, Stein found himself having tea on the lawn of the manor house. In the stables, Frank grinned as he filled up the car which the girl had insisted on lending them. He was sure that Stein would be able to see more from there than through a pair of fieldglasses over the orchard wall.

3.

"You was a long time with that tea, boss," said Frank as they drove back to London.

"I shall be longer when I go down next week to fetch our car," replied Stein calmly.

"You mean you can ——"

Stein twisted in the driving seat to look at him squarely.

"No—I don't mean that at all. I'm sorry, Frank—but this job's off."

"Whadya mean—off?"

"Off." Finished. We're not going into that house—not now. I'll make it up to you."

"You're mad."

"Maybe—but this job's off."

Frank opened his mouth and shut it again.

"O.K. You're the boss."

4.

It was in many ways a unique partnership. When his father died, Stein still continued his work at the bench in the manufacturing jewellers workroom. He still used that most uncanny skill and artistry which would always be his, but he no longer re-set and repaired his clients' precious stones, charging for his time at so much an hour.

He plied file and burnisher, it is true and peered dark-goggled over the oxygen flames, and tapped and shaped the molten platinum with the touch of an artist—as he had always done—but with this difference. The diamonds and pearls and rubies and sapphires which lay on the bench were his own.

Which brings us to Frank.

5.

Stein had caught Frank in the act of burgling his house. Instead of handing him over to the police, he had given him a drink and a square meal.

It appeared to be one of the few altruistic gestures of his life, but to Stein, Stein always came first, and his philanthropy was rather in the nature of an investment, which repaid a thousandfold. Secure in the knowledge that he had the whip-hand, Stein had made a proposition Frank had no choice but to accept.

Thereafter the education of Frank proceeded swiftly.

In their car these two would reconnoitre. They did not have to hurry. They ranged about the country widely, choosing their houses with care and discrimination, so that the police in any one neighbourhood would not be unduly alarmed or suspicious.

Stein was the brain that planned, Frank the instrument which executed. No one could move more quietly than Frank, no one could open a locked window more skilfully. On rubber soles he would steal upstairs to the bedroom, carrying in one hand a shaded torch and in the other a sharp and massive jemmy. Usually he used only the torch, for he could move as delicately as a cat.

But sometimes people awoke, and that was unfortunate—for them, because then Frank used the jemmy. . .

Those were Stein's orders. They could not afford to take any risks. By the time the alarm was given, Frank had to be many miles away.

And Frank would appear one morning in Hatton Garden, carrying a well-worn suitcase, his squat face expressionless, but his small slit eyes none the less shrewdly observant.

Then Stein would get busy. The mass of precious stones which he had so delicately prised from their settings were all placed in a canvas bag and hidden under a floorboard, while beneath a glowing flame the broken setting would quickly disappear. And then, grading a careful selection of the new jewels with what he already had in his safe, Stein would begin to make a linked bracelet, or a tiara, or a brooch of such surpassing beauty that its sale was practically a certainty.

6.

Stein was clever.

When he had finished he would sell the piece of jewellery—which by now not even the original owner of the stones could have identified—to the dealers who thronged the pavement outside his workshop. This method of trading is usually done for cash.

He was paid the full market value of the jewels plus an adequate recompense for his workmanship, instead of the quarter-value he would have been lucky to receive from an illicit receiver or fence.

In addition, he took no risks. The firm, founded by his father, was old and well-established. He paid periodic visits to Amsterdam, ostensibly to buy jewels, and he purchased platinum, more than he needed, at regular intervals from the assayers, as did all his competitors.

7.

Stein went to Chessington to fetch his car. Thereafter his visits to the manor house grew more and more frequent, but he always planned them when Frank was away, for this had become a part of his life he wished to keep to himself. Well-dressed and well-educated, he put into this, as in everything that he attempted, his whole heart.

For weeks before he proposed he worked, with a frenzied energy worthy of a better cause, as he had never worked before.

With three exquisite square-cut emeralds, which had once graced the forehead of a Duchess, he made a wonderful engagement ring, whose massive and original setting compelled almost as much attention and admiration as the stones themselves. He had no doubt about Lucy's answer, and emeralds were her favourite jewels.

He proposed and was accepted.

And there, for a while, the matter rested. Stein decided that he needed still more money, so he continued to work.

But from every haul Frank brought back, Stein would pick some of the choicest emeralds and diamonds, and waiting until Frank was away once more, would make some exquisite gift for Lucy—a brooch, a locket, or a necklace. And never in making anything before had he worked harder or more successfully, or with greater pride.

8.

And then the day came when Stein decided that it had gone far enough.

"We're through, Frank," he said.

"Whadye mean—through?"

"What I say. We're finished. The firm's closing down. I'm going abroad."

"Cold feet?" Frank sneered.

"Maybe. I've had enough."

Stein let the implication stand. He did not wish Frank to know that he was getting married. He wanted to sever all connection with him, to begin a new life without any chance of the past coming back to hinder him.

"It has been a good game while it lasted," he continued evenly. "I brought you here to settle up—I still owe you a thousand on those Rutland pearls. Got any plans?"

Frank looked vague.

"Me—oh, no. I'll fix something."

"Right. You ought to have enough now to do what you like."

Frank recognised the finality in his voice.

"O.K. Whenner you going?"

"I shall be here for another week, clearing up, if you want me. Here's your money."

9.

Stein sat alone in his workroom, which had been stripped until it was practically bare. Suddenly the door burst open, and Frank slipped in and turned the key. His expressionless face was glistening with sweat, and his small pig-like eyes were restless.

"Hullo, boss—never thought you'd see me again, didya? Gotter be quick, though—can't stop long."

Slowly Stein rose to his feet.

"Why have you come here—didn't you hear what I told you?"

Frank lifted the case he held and snapped open the lock, and a cascade of shimmering jewels poured out and glowed and glinted on the table. Only not all of them glowed.

"You ses the firm's closing down. Right—you're the boss. But I ses to myself one more—one more fer luck. The last haul and the best—specially as we done all the dirty work already. Didya ever see anything ta beat this? You can get a better price than me—even if you don't use 'em. I'll send you an address—but I gotter hop it now. Too close to be healthy—she woke right in the middle and howled . . ."

10.

But Stein was not listening to him. With a sick fear in his heart he reached out one trembling hand and picked up a ring—a three-stone emerald ring, square-cut, in a facetted setting. And the platinum was sticky and red . . .

An that locket—that bracelet with those hideous stains dulling the bright polish of the setting, coating the facets of the emeralds—surely he recognised them—surely he knew them—

He looked up, but Frank was gone. He was alone.

Then, suddenly, he began to laugh. He still laughs to-day—whenever anybody goes to see him.

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

UNSPECTACULAR BUT ESSENTIAL

Many of the most important manufacturing processes are the least spectacular. There is little that is spectacular, for example, in the gauge room of the Joseph Lucas Ltd. factory at Birmingham, but the work that is carried out there is definitely essential. In fact, the well-known reliability of all Lucas car electrical equipment is due in large measure to the work of the engineers in charge of this room.

A gauge is a tool for checking other tools, and as extremely fine gauges are necessary for the manufacture of Lucas products, they must be accurate, to ensure which they must be checked. It will be realised that their checking calls for super-accuracy; the instrument used for the purpose provides this essential feature. The gauges must be measured to within microscopical limits, and this is just what happens.

The instrument employed is known as the universal measuring microscope and, believe it or not, as Ripley would say, it will measure to an accuracy of one hundredth of a thousandth part of an inch. This is difficult to grasp; perhaps it will be easier when it is said that this instrument is capable of dividing an article 10ins. in length into one million gradations! But no more of this because thinking of such minute fractions of an inch makes one dizzy.

This is but one illustration of what is accomplished in the Lucas gauge room. It is sufficient, however, to indicate the extreme care taken to provide the owner-driver with the finest and most reliable electrical fitments for his car that it is possible to produce, for accuracy means reliability.

NERVES SHATTERED BY BOMBS

WARDEN'S DEATH ON RAILWAY LINE

A former air raid warden, whose nerves were shattered by his experience on a badly bombed aerodrome during the Battle of Britain, was found dead on the railway line at Ramsgate last week.

The man was Arthur Cocks, aged 51, of 224 Margate-road, Ramsgate, and a verdict that he took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest on Wednesday.

It appeared that Cocks threw himself between the trucks of a goods train which was being shunted and was killed instantaneously.

P/C F. Close said he was at Ramsgate railway station at about 8.15 p.m. on Monday, when he saw Cocks lying on a stretcher. In his clothing witness found two letters.

The widow, Mrs. Florence Mary Cocks, said before the war her husband was a builder's labourer and in 1940 became an Air Ministry warden. In November, 1941, he joined Ramsgate Civil Defence Service as a warden and remained in the service until he had an illness in May, 1942. He was in hospital three times and again had to go to hospital last November. Ever since he had been receiving medical treatment as an out-patient, and had not been able to work.

Depressed and Confused.

Continuing, Mrs. Cocks said her husband's illness depressed him but recently he had been getting better. On 26th January an incident occurred which upset his nerves altogether and Dr. Loveless had since been trying to get him away. He had never threatened to take his life but he was very depressed and confused. She last saw her husband at 7 p.m. on Monday, when he went out for a walk.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, who carried out an examination of the body following the accident, said death was due to a crushed skull. There were no injuries on the body to indicate that he had been knocked down by a moving vehicle.

Dr. W. B. Loveless said he had attended Cocks for ten years. He was employed at an R.A.F. aerodrome during the Battle of Britain and had a very trying time. His nerves were very shaken and he came to see witness about his condition.

William Charles Pusey Morbey, a Southern Railway shunter employed at Ramsgate station, said he was shunting a goods train near the viaduct on Monday evening and after the train had left he stumbled over the body of the dead man, who was lying on his face, his head being just clear of the rail. He appeared to be dead.

Fell Between Trucks.

William Ernest Sutton, Southern Railway acting inspector, who visited the scene of the accident, said it was obvious that a train had passed over the head of the man. He thought deceased must have thrown himself between the trucks as they were moving.

The Coroner said the case was a very sad one indeed. Deceased was a very excellent man. He was a very good warden and was much liked in the service.

Letters left by the dead man showed his disturbed condition. One of them stated "Oh, God, what is this terrible thing in my head? I know what I am doing, yet I don't. No one understands, not even the doctor."

He had come to the conclusion, continued Mr. Robinson, that deceased was not responsible for his actions at the time he took his life. He wished to express his sympathy to the widow and children.

C/I Butcher said he had been asked by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), as Sub-Controller, to express his sympathy, that of the Civil Defence Services and of the wardens' service in particular. Mr. Cocks was undoubtedly a most efficient and conscientious warden.

P/O. JOHN CHAPMAN

BROADSTAIRS BUSINESS MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Formerly in business in Broadstairs, Plt./Off. John H. Chapman, R.A.F., has been reported killed on an operational flight.

Thirty-two years of age, he joined the service shortly after the outbreak of war and had taken part in many raids.

Locally he was well-known as a keen cricketer.

His wife and four children are now living at South-street, Canterbury, where his sister-in-law, Miss Horn, was killed when a bomb destroyed shops in Burgate-street in October, 1940.

Plt./Off. Chapman's body has been recovered and is being taken to Canterbury for a funeral with R.A.F. honours.

BURIED IN BELGIUM

MARGATE AIRMAN'S DEATH

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coules, of 85 Glencoe-road, Margate, Sgt.-Air-Gnr. Edwin (Ted) Charles Alfred Coules, R.A.F., has been killed in action and is buried with seven other members of his plane's crew near Namur, Belgium.

His parents were notified last September that he had been reported missing.

Volunteering for the R.A.F., Sgt. Coules was called up in June, 1941, and he was 19 years of age. He was employed in the clerical department of a building firm after attending Pettman Central School and was a member of St. Paul's Troop of Boy Scouts. Sgt. Coules was an enthusiastic footballer and cricketer.

Mr. and Mrs. Coules have received a letter from his commanding officer, stating "Your son was popular in the squadron and was fast becoming an ace air-gunner. He is greatly missed in the sergeants' mess and his loss is regretted by all."

Girls' Club Inauguration.—Lady Carson will inaugurate the recently-formed Broadstairs Girls' Club at a meeting to be held at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion to-morrow at 7.30 p.m.

IS THE SQUANDER BUG IN YOUR SHOPPING BAG?

LOOK in your shopping bag before you start out and make sure you've left that Squander Bug behind! He's the Fuehrer of fifth-columnists—the little demon who makes you spend good money on useless things instead of recruiting it to fight for Britain. There's one certain way to squash him: put every penny you can into Savings Certificates.

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POTATOES IN PLACE OF FLOUR

Potato Plan, Part 5

Sponge Pudding made with Potato!

"What a good idea!" you'll say when you've tried this excellent flour-saving recipe for Sponge Pudding. This is just one of the many ways potatoes can be used to take the place of flour in puddings, cakes and pastry.

Try it, and experiment with other ways yourself! More good suggestions later.

CHOCOLATE SPONGE PUDDING *3 oz. grated raw potato; 6 oz. flour; 1 oz. margarine; 2 oz. sugar; 1 oz. cocoa; 1 level tablespoon dried egg; 1 teaspoon baking powder; pinch salt; a little milk or potato water.* Cream fat and sugar, beat in potato and egg. Mix flour, cocoa, salt, baking powder. Add this alternately with the liquid to make a soft mixture. Steam in a greased basin for 1 to 1½ hours.

The 4 other parts of the Plan:

1. Serve potatoes for breakfast on three days a week.
2. Make your main dish a potato dish one day a week.
3. Refuse second helpings of other food. Have more potatoes instead.
4. Serve potatoes in other ways than "plain boiled."

Flour costs ships . . . Use home-grown potatoes instead

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TENPENCE UP

COUNTY RATE INCREASE

HEAVY EXPENDITURE AHEAD

A rate of 10s. 2d. in the £, an increase of 10d. over the previous year, was approved by the Kent County Council at their meeting at Maidstone on Wednesday.

Last year's rate at 9s. 4d. showed a drop of 9½d. on the preceding year but increases in salaries and in the cost of social services made inevitable a rise this year.

So far as the Thanet towns are concerned, Broadstairs will be called on to face—on paper—the full increase of 10d., Ramsgate 7·65d. and Margate 7·8d. The precept in respect of Broadstairs will be 10s. 1·95d. in the £, Ramsgate 5s. 8·65d. and Margate 5s. 8·25d.

The increase in the county rate, however, is not likely to increase the rates payable in the Thanet towns. The rates in the three towns have been stabilised by means of Government grant and since they did not receive the benefit of the drop in the county rate last year it is unlikely that they will be called on to meet that increase this year.

Further, the Ministry of Health has again given a direction that 13 rating authorities, which include the Thanet authorities, shall, in lieu of paying the county precept in full, pay such sums as represent the product of the county rate actually collected by them.

What Thanet last year lost on the roundabouts it is this year gaining on the swings.

Education Costs.

The County Education Committee's estimates show a total net increase of £137,360, which includes £58,580 for elementary education and £78,490 for higher education. The additional amount required for elementary education is due mainly to an increase, principally by way of war allowances, in teachers' salaries, and additional expenditure in the provision of meals and milk for schoolchildren. As regards the rise in the cost of higher education, this is due principally to the amount estimated to be required for further education being £56,300 in excess of that provided in respect of the current financial year.

It is estimated that the product of a penny rate for general county purposes for the forthcoming financial year will amount to £39,923, which is £1,113 in excess of the corresponding figure for the current year.

The total estimated net requirements of committees, amounting to £3,988,474, are equivalent to a rate in the £ of 10s. 11·55d., stated the report of the Finance Committee, approved by the Council on Wednesday. It is proposed, however, that a sum of £266,031 shall be utilised from accumulated balances, representing a rate relief of 9·55d. in the £. The total of the rates proposed for the forthcoming financial year is accordingly 10s. 2d. in the £, being an increase of 10d. in the £ on the total rates for the current financial year. By way of comparison, it is of interest to notice that, in respect of the financial year 1941-42, when the rates were 10s. 1½d. in the £, the total net requirements of committees amounted to £3,634,830, and the credit balances appropriated to £137,679, which figures, expressed as rate equivalents, amounted to 10s. 3·69d. and 2·19d. in the £ respectively.

Sound Finance.

"The Budget Sub-Committee and your committee have given much consideration to the position which, in their view, necessitates the substantially increased rates now proposed," stated the report. "In the main, the anticipated requirements are for the purpose of giving effect to decisions already reached by or on behalf of the Council or they arise in response to public demand or from directions which the Council is asked to observe. Your committee does not feel justified in recommending to the Council the curtailment of its services. In your committee's opinion any departure, for the purpose of reducing the rate levy, from the sound policy of providing a reasonable working balance would merely be resorting to an unsound temporary expedient.

"The Council is also reminded that, under war-time conditions such as those which now prevail, it is not possible to undertake much of the work of maintenance and improvement which would normally be done and that the deferment of this work is expected in the future to occasion heavy expenditure. The provision now proposed to be made does not include such expenditure."

TWICE AS MANY EGGS

Mr. T.H., of Wakefield, reports that after giving his 12 hens Karswood Poultry Spice, their egg yield went up from 4 or 5 eggs a day to 7, 8, and sometimes 10 eggs a day! Get Karswood Spice in pkts. 2½d, 7½d, 1/3d from Corn Dealers.

FOOD FACTS

Meet the new fish

Strange new fish on the fishmonger's slab—fish you've never met before, but well worth knowing all the same.

You get these new fish because of the zoning scheme: fish is now sold close to where it is landed instead of being sent far journeys to its old markets.

There are two kinds of strangers, *round white fish* (cousins of the cod), and *flat fish*. It it well worth while to look out for them in case they come your way. And don't judge them by their outlandish names or unfamiliar looks—beauty in a fish isn't skin deep!

These newcomers have a fine flavour, are an economical food and are quick and easy to cook. Just follow the instructions given here:

CLEANING FISH

1 Wash fish thoroughly, under running water if possible.

2 Never skin fish before cooking, you lose so much goodness. After cooking remove skin only if very tough.

3 Cut off heads and tails before boiling or frying, but leave on for baking. Use head and bones for stock.

FILLETING FLAT FISH

When fish has been cleaned and dried, place flat on a table, and with the point of a *sharp* knife cut from head to tail down the backbone. Then insert knife in this slit and carefully separate the fish from the bone. Remove fillets, trim and cut into pieces convenient for serving. Use bones for stock.

BOILING FISH

Steam whenever possible, but if you must boil, place fish in warm, salted water. Bring to boiling point and then simmer gently. Never boil fast or the fish will come away from its bones before it is properly cooked, and may be tough. Drain fish well before serving and use liquid for sauce.

FRYING FISH

1 Fish must be perfectly dry before frying. Put it in a dry cloth and press gently before frying. Dip in a very little seasoned flour or roll in oatmeal.

2 Use enough fat to prevent fish sticking to bottom of pan.

3 Let fat give off blue smoke before putting in fish.

4 Fry quickly on both sides

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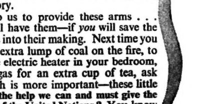
Advice on how to burn coke in the open grate can be obtained from the Public Relations Branch, Ministry of Fuel and Power, Dean Stanley Street, London, S.W.1.



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BOWLS REVIVAL

RAMSGATE CLUB OFFICERS

Although the days of open tournaments and county competitions are but a memory, the bowlers of Ramsgate mean to keep the sport alive in the

town and to ensure that their activities get into full swing soon after the war.

At the moment they are not exactly marking time and this year should see a good, if somewhat restricted, season on the West Cliff greens. The attendance of over 20 bowlers at Mockridge's Restaurant, High-street, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, when the annual meeting of Ramsgate Bowls Club was held, augured well for the summer sport. The meeting was open to members of St. Lawrence Bowls Club.

Mr. C. Nixon, a veteran bowler who has done much to foster the game in the district, was elected president in succession to Mr. E. E. Bettam, who held that office at the outbreak of war. Mr. Nixon was formerly chairman of the committee and that position was filled by the appointment of Alderman T. W. Mockridge. Mr. E. Groom was re-elected captain, with Mr. J. B. Sharman vice-captain in place of Mr. S. A. Ovenden. The committee, chosen by ballot, consists of Messrs. T. Fletcher, S. A. Ovenden, B. Futter, E. Locke and S. Porritt.

When the question of electing a secretary and treasurer was raised a letter was read from Mr. E. A. Porter in which he stated that, at the age of 80, he felt he must resign and hand over the duties to a younger man. Mr. B. E. Bushell, a former secretary, accepted the post after being pressed by the members to do so.

On the proposition of Mr. Sharman, seconded by Mr. Ovenden, it was decided to make the subscription a token one of 2s. 6d. in view of the reduced activities.

It is expected that the club's season will begin early in May.

Mr. G. E. Balster and Mr. O. Hughes were appointed auditors and at the close of the meeting the president thanked Alderman Mockridge for the loan of the room.

All interested in the sport are invited to join the club and should hand in their names to Mr. Bushell.

DECORATED BY THE KING

Accompanied to Buckingham Palace by his wife, C/Eng./Off. Francis Albert Freeman, R.N., of Broadstairs, recently received the Order of the British Empire from the hands of the King.

C/Eng./Off. Freeman gained the award for devotion to duty and was mentioned in despatches in the New Year Honours List.

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Freeman, of the Lodge, Lanthorne-road, Broadstairs, he is an old boy of St. George's Central School, Ramsgate, and passed into the Royal Naval Engineering School in 1912. Joining the Royal Navy four years later, he served in submarines and received his commission in 1929. During the present war he has been serving in a destroyer.

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SMALL TRADER MENACED

VIGILANT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RAMSGATE OFFICERS

The danger that small traders might find themselves "planned out of existence" unless the trend of legislation was carefully watched was envisaged by the chairman, Councillor A. R. Young, at the annual meeting of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce and Advancement Association, held at Ramsgate Employment Exchange on Tuesday.

Commenting on the annual report, the chairman said the work of the Chamber did not draw the limelight of publicity but it was vital to the trading community. It was vital to the trading community that what had been accomplished during the past year should be continued, not only so far as it affected their present interests but as it might affect the future.

One could hardly pick up a newspaper, continued Councillor Young, without finding something about plans of some government department for the post-war regulation of trade. It was obvious that there was going to be government control after the war and it might mean that the small trader, unless he was strongly represented and unless the matter had been carefully thought out beforehand, might find himself planned out of existence.

"He may find his business and private life so governed that he will hardly find it worth living, let alone profitable," continued Councillor Young.

That was why the Chamber of Commerce should retain its vitality, not waiting until someone had raised an issue, but if possible seeing the issue beforehand and influencing it by what it said and did. They recognised that control was going to be necessary in the interests of the country as a whole. Who was going to exercise that control? Was it going to be the traders or was it going to be individuals at Whitehall? The latter possibly was the danger. There would be nothing to fear if the traders could govern their own destiny.

A Busy Year.

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. L. Summers, gave a detailed account of work carried out during the year.

It revealed that the Limitation of Supplies Miscellaneous (No. 13) Order operated unfavourably in Thanet towns owing to the traders' quotas being based on a period during which business was practically non-existent and no manufactured goods were being purchased by local shopkeepers on account of the possibility of the evacuation of the town. Those traders, whose stocks had since been depleted, had had no opportunity adequately to replenish those stocks which were now urgently needed. Considerable correspondence had passed between the Chamber and the Board of Trade asking for a variation of the quota terms and Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., had supported the application. Margate and Broadstairs Chambers had supported the resolution.

Notices had been sent to the Chamber by the Regional Price Regulation Committee concerning five applications to open new retail departments or businesses in Ramsgate. The committee of the Chamber had drawn up reports in each case in order to assist the Regional Committee as to the advisability of granting licenses.

Seconding the adoption of the report, which was proposed by the chairman, Mr. G. Kiy paid tribute to Mr. Summers' services to the Chamber during the year.

Satisfactory Finances.

A satisfactory financial statement for the two years from 31st January, 1941, to 31st January, 1943, was submitted by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. R. K. Liddell. The statement showed a balance at the beginning of the period of £23 18s. 9d. and a balance at the end of £29 3s. 10d.

When the election of officers was considered, Councillor Young said he would not again accept nomination as he thought such offices should change hands as often as possible when suitable persons were available.

On the proposition of Alderman J. J. White, Mr. George Kiy was elected chairman.

Other officers elected were: Vice-chairman, Mr. W. W. Wetherill; hon. secretary, Mr. Summers; hon. treasurer, Mr. Liddell; auditors, Messrs. R. L. J. Clean and S. A. Ovenden; standing committee, Aldermen White and T. W. Mockridge, Councillors Young and J. B. Butler and Messrs. W. Mayes, W. Staines, W. J. Stone, S. W. Smith, F. Martin, L. Rengert and two representatives to be nominated by Ramsgate Rotary Club.

A discussion took place on the Location of Retail Businesses Order, the general effect of which, explained Councillor Young, was to prevent persons from opening up new businesses of certain classes without first getting a license from the Board of Trade. Applications in respect of businesses dealing in foodstuffs were dealt with by the Ministry of Food. The Board of Trade had to consider whether a new business was desirable and if it was not considered desirable a license would not be granted. Chambers of Commerce were consulted by the Board of Trade and five times during the year the Ramsgate Chamber was consulted.

Returning Traders.

Mr. Wetherill asked whether a trader returning to the town would have to apply for a license.

Mr. Summers replied that he would, unless he was in business in the town for an 11 months' qualifying period in 1941, and a license also had to be applied for if a trader wished to open a new department of his business.

Mr. Wetherill said when the war in Europe ended many people would want to come to towns like Ramsgate for a holiday and they might find they were not in a position to cater for them.

It was agreed that the Standing Committee should give consideration to the matter and also consider consultation with other Chambers in the area who were similarly placed.

Mr. H. E. Wright suggested that steps should be taken so that the Chamber could be in a position to make representation to the Food Control Committee when applications for licenses to deal in foodstuffs were under consideration.

It was agreed that the subscription to the Chamber for the current year should remain at 5s.

The chairman extended a welcome to Mrs. M. Hicks, formerly secretary to the Chamber for many years, who was visiting the town.

Mrs. Hicks, who was bombed out of her office in Ramsgate two years ago, thanked the members for the support they had given her in the past.

CAPTAIN BALFOUR'S "NEW DEAL"

FUTURE OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

PLAN FOR POST-WAR BRITAIN

An important statement of his political beliefs, and his view of the part to be played after the war by the Conservative Party, has been made by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air.

Capt. Balfour, who was addressing the Oxford University Conservative Association, made it clear at the outset that he was speaking in his "personal capacity," which he suggested might be interpreted as "political sanctuary for any indiscretion."

This is the first purely political statement made by Capt. Balfour since the outbreak of war and as such demands close study by members of all shades of opinion in the constituency he represents in Parliament.

The Conservative Party was not exhausted, said Capt. Balfour. Far from it. They had in front of them the great chance of playing a leading part in post-war political direction. Their first job was to know what they wanted, and then to go hard for it. He hoped they would continue post-war as a National Government, so as to withstand the first impact of peace with the same unity in direction as they had found essential in war. Deep differences of principle bursting forth in political strife might, however, at any time make the party find itself in an independent role. For national unity they must be ready to compromise on method but never on basic principle. In either event they needed to be clear where the party stood on the great issues of to-morrow.

Their aims must be high and their methods bold. They must show the millions who would return from the forces asking for opportunity, security and a fair deal that fulfilment was not the prerogative of any single party. They must convince them that the torch of idealism in political purpose was not waved aloft exclusively by Left Wing thinkers.

"Let us not be backward or hesitant in shouting from platforms—from street corners—at gatherings of thinking people—that along our road lies no competition in political tinsel, no gaudy promises of more material comfort for everyone at less personal effort, no expectancy of a 'something for nothing' election cry; but rather, a determination for a full chance for every man to be proud of his citizenship—his position—his opportunity—his security," said Capt. Balfour.

Maintaining Exports.

"We will not say that in the State exists a wonderful fairy godmother, of inexhaustible wealth and resources, from whom endless benefits can perpetually flow. Instead we will point out the truth, that even the most abstruse political economists have not yet devised how to get more than a pint out of a pint measure. We will not shirk from saying how we must, after the war, depend mainly on regaining an export trade position for the means to achieve those higher standards we seek."

They must face the fact that there was the greatest division of thought between the theorists of the Left and the moderates of the Right: whether they should follow the "empirical" or the "deductory" in their approach to post-war reconstruction: whether they were to rely on the "laboratory" or the "field" experiment. Those of the "laboratory" maintained that a full-scale new world should be planned from their theoretical and small experiment bench work. They would seek to co-operate with all who recognised that policy should be the outcome of research and knowledge combined, and not based on experimentation alone, and, therefore, that the new world structure should be formed from past experience and achievement combined with the lessons from research developed out of a basis of our existing and solid foundations.

A Political Issue.

At some future time this division might break into an acute political issue. Its presentation would be whether they should try to frame the post-war world according to a system of international operation or of international regulation. International operation envisaged the maximum surrender by every country of sovereignty and individual entity—political, economic and military—in favour of executive control at the centre by some instrument of international character. International co-operation was the acceptance of a doctrine of individual sovereignty and national entity, with submission by consent to limited control and regulation from a representative body at the centre.

"We should declare that in nationalism there is nothing necessarily reactionary but, properly fostered and guided, it is a thing we can be proud of as contributing much to world peace and progress," said Capt. Balfour.

"We will accept the challenge of the continuation of the British Commonwealth as part of the post-war world. The words of the Prime Minister at the Mansion House, when he said that he had not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire, have been criticised. We maintain the Empire is something strong and virile standing for the free rights of mankind. We admit that Dominion relationships require overhaul and modernisation, so that there is close, constant, full consultation and share in executive responsibility for Commonwealth affairs, for after the war our Dominions will not be content with the Dominions Office pattern.

Dominions Won't Have It.

"The disciples of the international world would like to throw the British Empire into the 'kitty' of the territories at the disposal of the world's nations in order that it should be governed and developed from the centre according to the political and economic doctrines of the controlling body. If ever we were to be tempted to dally with the 'laboratory' experiment, then I am sure we should be pulled back into the realm of practicability by the practical citizens of the Dominions, who already show they 'just won't have it' that way.

"We will deny the aggressor nations the right of arms for a number of years ahead. The powers for peace can undertake to keep law and order within the conquered countries—charging, I hope, the cost of this service to the governments of those countries.

"We will advocate progressive reduction of world armaments, and so a lightening of their heavy burden bearing so hardly on the world. Eventually each country may have only such force as is necessary for its own internal security and protection and for its lines of communications. We cannot again afford the costly course of unilateral disarmament as example to the world, and our pace for reduction of arms must be in agreement with other nations.

"As part of the system of international regulation we should be willing to pledge to a joint international staff at the centre a proportion of our sea, air and land forces; and this contingent, together with the contingents of other subscribing nations, will, in effect, form an international police force to be called out and operated under the direction of the representative central authority."

The Home Front.

Turning to the home front, Capt. Balfour said the chief domestic division between the "laboratory" and the "field" experiment was how they were to organise the industrial and agricultural life of the country. Were they to change their industry to a system of national ownership, or were they to go forward with a system which allowed of both?

They had to face the fact that their degree and pace of social reform must depend on their resources. They would have to sell their goods in competition with countries which might not carry the heavy "on-cost charge" on their industries such as they proposed to impose upon themselves in the form of higher social services and wage standards.

This did not mean they did not welcome sweeping proposals of reform like the Beveridge Report. It meant that the State should lay down boundaries within which industry would be allowed to function, and within which enterprise, adventure and initiative should be encouraged. It could mean sound and orderly progress; a refusal to accept large unemployment as part of our system; a national minimum wage standard as a first charge on industry, ranking before capital—whether debenture or in any other form; regulated hours of employment, with paid holidays; adequate standards of housing; the introduction of family allowances; the development of co-partnership in a much more aggressive form than hitherto, not only for profits of industry but for management of industry; equality of opportunity in education—primary and technical; equality of opportunity in Government service. All these could be part of a system which gave a real and immediate "new deal" but yet still allowed free play for their best national characteristics and avoided a rigid, bureaucratic regimentation alien to their natures.

Order of Priorities.

Capt. Balfour said they must put forward proposals for logical, steady advance according to order of priorities which could be speeded up or slowed down according to the pace of their economic advance.

"In our scheme," said Capt. Balfour, "there must be a secure place for the 'little man'—for the small trader—for the family shop. Combines of the Right or of the Left have, in the past, given the 'little man' a big squeeze, and we must protect his position as one who gives an essential service to the community and, therefore, deserves his place therein.

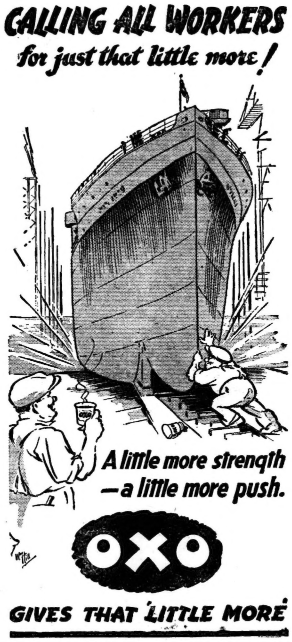
"Belief in principle of private enterprise need not mean opposition to the further development of the 'public corporation technique' for great monopolies, which cannot, in the national interest, be allowed free play either in policy or in their levies on the community. The Electricity Commissioners, the B.B.C., the British Overseas Airways Corporation, the London Passenger Transport Board, are examples of the public corporation. We must combine control of the broad direction of policy with the provision of first-class commercial management, free from political interference and with full rewards for those who carry the responsibility of directing these enterprises to economic success.

"We must faithfully watch the functioning of executive government—central and local. It must be efficient—not officious; alert—not pedantic; economical—not entrenched. We do not fight to make democracy safe for bureaucracy.

A Warning.

"To-day it is becoming politically vulgar and anti-social to talk about money. There is a gay habit growing up through war-time spending of labelling anyone who mentions economy as 'reactionary.' To-day we raise huge sums of money for war expenditure. We cannot go on doing this indefinitely. You may raise a special sum out of your total resources to help someone near and dear in an emergency; but this does not mean that you can indefinitely go on spending, month by month, this same emergency sum. The Conservative Party must tell the country that, unpleasant as it may be, sane finance and balanced budgets do come into the picture if we are not to start down the road of uncontrolled inflation which, history shows, always hits the poorest in the land first and hardest. The Left Wing 'laboratory' worker says that taxation should remain at its present level, not only for revenue purposes but for penal purposes aimed at social redress. Indeed, some say it should be increased to even higher levels in peacetime. The Conservative Party must declare that we cannot accept as a permanency the present level of taxation of industry, for otherwise we cripple ability to replenish and to expand our industrial resources."

In conclusion, Capt. Balfounr said "We must paint the picture of our policy broadly and boldly on big canvas. We must avoid the mistake of trying to explain in detail how we are going to do everything. Let us rather concentrate on telling the country what we are going to do and leaving as a function of executive government the doing of it. We have the inspiration of deep beliefs essential for a programme to meet the post-war situation needs. The opportunity is there for our taking; and the responsibility for seizing it is in your hands and mine."



GALLANT YOUTH

TWO MARGATE BOYS WIN B.E.M.

The "London Gazette" on Tuesday announced the award of the British Empire Medal to two Margate boys.

They are Frederick William Treves, son of Mrs. Treves and the late Dr. F. B. Treves, and great-nephew of the late Sir Frederick Treves, who operated on King Edward VII; and Hubert Gerwyn Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ham, formerly of Albert-terrace, who now live at Blackpool. Both lads are 17 years of age.

The official citation states that the ship on which Cdt. Treves was serving was hit by bombs and burst into flames fore and aft. An officer who could not swim was forced to jump overboard. Cdt. Treves dived in after him, got him away from the ship through oily water and found a piece of wood to which the officer was able to cling for support until rescued.

Describing the experience in a letter, Cdt. Treves says "I was really not very brave and I do loathe getting praise for something I know is not in the least praiseworthy. I have come to the conclusion that we are all cowards but some are jolly fine actors. So you can see I was in a blue funk the whole time."

Cdt. Ham won his medal for gallantry in mid-Atlantic following the sinking of his ship. He swam to a raft on which his chief officer was lying with one leg broken in eight places. He held the officer there for two hours until they were picked up.

Coming to Margate from Wales about nine years ago, Cdt. Ham was educated at Chatham House, Ramsgate, and the family moved to Blackpool shortly after the war started. The father was employed at Margate as a postman-driver and was a member of Margate Ambulance Corps.

DIETRICH COMEDY

LADY IS WILLING AT KING'S

Exciting drama with a background of blackmail and intrigue in pre-war Paris unites William Powell and Hedy Lamarr for the first time on the screen in "Crossroads," which is being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Fresh from his detective portrayals in the "Thin Man" series, Powell makes a return to heavy drama. The story is that of a successful French diplomat threatened by a gang of blackmailers who are intent on destroying his happy life unless paid for their silence. Claire Trevor, Basil Rathbone and Margaret Wycherly are prominent in the cast. Thrilling adventures in the Wild West are seen in "Sheriff of Tombstone," staring Roy Rogers and George (Gabby) Hayes, which is the chief supporting film.

Marlene Dietrich plays her finest comedy part in "The Lady is Willing," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. As Elizabeth Madden, the brightest light on Broadway, she invests her characterisation with all her natural glamour. In order to adopt a young abandoned baby whom she has kidnapped, she proposes to and marries a young doctor, played by Fred MacMurray. Hollywood's sensational seven-months-old star, Baby Corey, has a big part in the film. Popular Maxie Rosenbloom is as funny as ever in the second feature, "Here I Come," in which Arline Judge is leading lady.

FUNERAL OF MRS. H. G. HOLBROOK

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. Ada Holbrook, wife of Mr. H. G. Holbrook, formerly in business in Camden-square, Ramsgate, who died the previous Thursday after a very long illness.

Mrs. Holbrook was 70 years of age. She also leaves three sons, one of whom is serving with the R.A.F. abroad and one in the R.A., and two daughters.

The family mourners were the widower, William and Leslie (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Clapson and Mr. and Mrs. Coventon (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. H. Holbrook (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Shepherd (sister-in-law) and Miss D. Holbrock (granddaughter).

Floral tributes included those from: Her sorrowing husband; Billy, Edie and Dorothy; Mabel and Percy; Leslie; Horace and Kath; Ada, Jim and baby Jill; Louie and Ada (Hastings); Bill, Annie and Gladys (Gillingham); Tiny, Will and family (Broadstairs); Nell, Arch, Emily and Len; Li, Lill and Fred (Croydon); Harry, Mabel and Albert (Lydd); Mr. and Mrs. Clapson and family (Evesham); Firemaster and colleagues, Quedgeley, Gloucester; Mr. and Mrs. Coventon, senr.; Hilda, Bert and children.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Vicar of Ramsgate.

Mr. W. H. Maskell of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, was the undertaker.

SAFEGUARDING SEED FOR THE NATION'S BREAD

Thanks to science, farmers can make sure of giving the nation those extra sacks of bread grain per acre so vitally needed in this year of destiny. Bunt, smut and leaf stripe have taken their annual toll of our corn crops; but the patient work of our "backroom boys" has provided a sure means of reducing these losses. Before 1930 we had the messy business of dipping our cereal seed in bluestone or formaline. Now about two million acres are sown with seed dressed with a mercury dust.

Figures from the Official Seed Testing Station at Cambridge show that for five or six years after the last war over ten out of every hundred samples of wheat received were visibly contaminated with bunt. When the mercury dressings were introduced in the early thirties that figure progressively fell; for some years now it has been only two per hundred or fewer. There has not been the same tendency with barley: in fact, there is an imperative national need to dress barley and oat seed, for these mercury dressings are the only satisfactory means of controlling smut and leaf stripe diseases.

Experiments in the control of leaf stripe of oats were carried out in Ayrshire about a dozen years ago. By using mercury compounds imported from Germany, striking reductions in disease and almost double the plant establishment were secured. Similar results were obtained in Wales ten years later. A Cambridge worker has found that treatment with a mercury dust reduced leaf stripe of oats from 34 per cent. to less than one-half per cent.

Some of these experimenters also found that when dressed seed was sown the rate of seeding should be reduced from six to four bushels per acre, otherwise the plants would come up too thickly. Increases in yield varied greatly, but were often substantial, and ripening was earlier.

Benefits depend, of course, on the degree of infection of the seed. With last year's wet summer, it is quite likely that more seed than usual may be infected, especially in the wetter northern and western counties. The dressing of all oat and barley seed with mercury dust is therefore advocated as a routine precaution to ensure maximum stand of disease-free plants.

POLICE SHOOTING

In a triangular shooting match on Tuesday, Ramsgate Police scored 269 points, the Royal Navy 197 and the Royal Artillery 149.

Ramsgate Police—D/C Oram 15 and 18, T/C/I Hicks 15 and 18, W/R Scott 15 and 19, Sgt. Wait 15 and 17, P/C Shanahan 20 and 19, S/C Fearn 15 and 19, P/C Housden 15 and 15, W/R Page 15 and 19.

Royal Navy—L/S Chapman 10 and 16, C/P/O Gray 0 and 13, Lt. Roberts 15 and 16, L/S Walton 10 and 14, L/S Cruttenden 15 and 15, A/B Harmer 15 and 19, A/B Price 0 and 15, A/B Tucker 10 and 14.

Royal Artillery—Sgt. Duckworth 5 and 15, Sgt. Hogbin 15 and 17, C/S/M Scott 0 and 16, Sgt. Brown 15 and 11, Sgt. Murray 15 and 6, L/Bdr. Kitwood 0 and 11, Gnr. Lever 10 and 10, Gnr. Rufus 0 and 3.

The previous day Ramsgate Police defeated Ebbsfleet Home Guard by 259 points to 224.

Ramsgate Police—W/R Scott 20 and 20, P/C Housden 15 and 20, S/C Fearn 20 and 19, P/C Shanahan 20 and 17, T/C/I Hicks 15 and 20, D/C Oram 15 and 20, S/C Luckett 20 and 18, S/C Wood 0 and 0.

Home Guard—R. T. Milham 10 and 16, R. Stubbings 15 and 15, E. Milham 15 and 17, A. Stubbings 15 and 16, P. G. Milham 0 and 16, W. H. Milham 15 and 18, C. Hook 15 and 17, R. Rowley 10 and 14.

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COMING-OF-AGE GIFTS

FOR MARGATE BOWLING CLUB

Margate Bowling Club on Saturday received several handsome gifts to celebrate its coming-of-age, including a cheque for £21 from its president, Mr. Percy Snow.

Three of those who attended the meeting at which the club was formed on 20th February, 1922, were present at the annual meeting at the club pavilion on Saturday.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. Britton), who was thanked for his services, read a letter from Mr. A. Hardy, president of the Kent County Bowling Association, in which he wrote:

"The part the Margate club has played in building up the Kent County Bowling Club has been of considerable magnitude. The thoughts of the county go out to the coastal clubs of our association during the present upheaval. I have great admiration for your gallant effort in keeping the club alive, and pray that there will soon be a rift in the cloud and the sun once again shine with a magnificent splendour on the Margate club and all its members, and that you will be able to celebrate your majority in the real Margate fashion."

The election of officers resulted in Mr. Snow and Mr. F. D. B. Cobb remaining in office as president and vice-president respectively. Mr. E. D. Makepeace was elected captain and Mr. S. Waldby vice-captain.

Elections to the committee were as follows: Messrs. J. T. Dalton, B. J. Garraway, H. J. Millar, E. T. Marshall, A. Bradley, H. Creasey, F. A. Hunter and W. Briggs, with Messrs. Cobb, A. J. Stickels and A. S. Redman representing the directors.

Mr. Britton was re-elected secretary and delegate to the Kent County Bowling Association.

The chairman announced that Mr. Millar had, during the meeting, promised a donation of £25 to the funds and a similar gift was received from Mr. Cobb.

MINSTER

A.T.C. Football.—Minster Flight of the A.T.C. were defeated by five goals to two when they played "D" (Ramsgate) Flight in a football match at Ramsgate. The Minster scorers were Sgt. R. Bushell and Cdt. Fagg

W.L.A. Dance.—Don Beerling's band provided the music at a dance held in Minster Parish Hall by the members of the Women's Land Army working in the district. The profits, amounting to £5, are to be given to charity.

Hospital Whist.—Major W. Howard was M.C. and there were 15 tables in play at a whist drive held by the Minster Comforts Fund Committee at the Parish Hall on Wednesday. The sum of £1 13s. 9d was raised for Ramsgate General Hospital and the winners were Mrs. Spanton, Mr. W. Loveday, Pte. Skiller, Pte. Turner, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Bailey and Mr. J. Pain.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

6.57 p.m. TILL 7.29 a.m.

THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE

DON AMECHE AT ODEON

Don Ameche, Lynn Bari and Henry Fonda head the cast of "The Magnificent Dope," chief feature at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The story concerns the riotous misadventures of an indolent country youth who wins a competition and runs foul of the fast-talking operator of a big city "success school," who goes all out to transform the "dope" into a pillar of society in eight easy lessons. To add to the general confusion, Lynn Bari falls out of love with the big business man and into love with the indolent, nature-loving country youth. The result is a top-notch laugh hit. Also being shown is "Top Sergeant," with Leo Carrillo and Andy Devine.

A new tough-guy team has been brought to light in the pairing of Alan Ladd and Brian Donlevy, who together are co-starred with Veronica Lake in "The Glass Key," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Based on the famous story by Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Thin Man," "The Glass Key" tells a dynamic tale of big town politics and underworld intrigue. Richard Denning, strapping youth who recently appeared as Dorothy Lamour's leading man in "Beyond the Blue Horizon," has the role of a ne'er-do-well, whose murder causes dramatic complications. Joseph Calleia appears as the gangland boss and Bonita Granville plays her first grown-up role as a wilful young woman in love with Denning. "Mexican Spitfire Sees a Ghost," featuring Lupe Velez and Leon Errol, will also be shown.

FEEDING THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

Housewives' problems are many and varied these days. One that most of us have experienced runs like this: "What do I do when the door-bell rings and in walks someone unexpectedly on leave, straight from a long, foodless journey and hungry enough to eat the chair legs?"

Here is a suggested answer. The menu below can be prepared in a very short time and is made up of food that is ready to hand in most households.

First Course

Welcome Soup

1 rasher of bacon
2 potatoes
1 breakfastcupful of cabbage heart finely shredded
4 level tablespoonsful of household milk powder
A full pint of water
Salt and pepper

Cut the potato into very small pieces, and put with the shredded cabbage and water into a saucepan. Boil quickly with the lid on until the vegetables are soft. (About 10 minutes.) Meanwhile, chop and frizzle the bacon.

Drain the liquid from the vegetables, stir in the bacon fat from the pan, and the milk powder. Beat smoothly, pour in the vegetable liquor. Add the chopped bacon, and stir well together. This is a delicious savoury soup, thick and nourishing. There is ample for two, but your guest will probably want it all.

Second Course

Scotch Woodcock

2 level tablespoonsful of dried egg
4 tablespoonsful of water
4 tablespoonsful of milk
A little nut of margarine
Salt and pepper
2-3 sardines
About a pound of mashed potato

Make the potato very hot, mash it well and form it into two flat cakes. Mix the dried egg with the water. Warm the milk and margarine in a small saucepan, season with pepper and salt, pour in the egg and cook over a low heat until it becomes firm and creamy, lifting it from the bottom of the pan as it cooks. Spread the creamy egg on the hot potato. Lay the sardines on the egg. Season with pepper and serve at once. This is enough for two.

Third Course

Pancakes with Jam or Syrup

5 heaped tablespoonsful of flour
2 level tablespoonsful of dried egg
2 level tablespoonsful of household milk powder
A pinch of salt
½-pint of water
About one ounce of cooking fat

Mix together the flour, household milk powder, dried egg powder and salt. Make a well in the centre and gradually pour in the water, stirring all the time until a batter like a thick cream is made. Whisk up well.

Heat the frying pan, put in a small piece of cooking fat, make it very hot, pour in enough batter to cover the pan thinly. Cook on one side, turn with the blade of a broad knife and cook on the other. Spread with jam or syrup and roll up. Serve the pancakes straight to your not-now-so-hungry guest. There might be one left for you if you are crafty and make them thin. Even a Commando would scarcely eat more than four pancakes all at once.

DEATH OF RAMSGATE AIRMAN

Twenty-two years old, Sgt. Roy McKenzie, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McKenzie, live at 42 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, has been reported killed on active service.

An old St. Georgian, Roy was employed in the Civil Service at Canterbury before entering the Royal Air Force as a volunteer. He received part of his training in Canada and qualified as a navigator.

His father was in business in Ramsgate as a draper until his retirement some years ago and his elder brother is a pilot officer in the R.A.F.

THESE WOMEN MUST FACE REALITY

SOFT JOBS AND NO JOBS

By OWEN RUTTER

Since the war began everyone in this country has had to surrender a certain amount of personal freedom. Those who have yielded most are the men and women who have joined the fighting services, but nearly all have suffered some curtailment. Most have faced the changed conditions of their lives with a smile, but there are still a number of people who think too much of their own liberty and too little of how they can serve their country.

Among these there are, I think, far more women than men. Their attitude is in sharp contrast to the magnificent effort which the majority of British women are making. Their main preoccupation is not "How can I be of most use?" but "How can I get through the war most comfortably?"

Some of them have succeeded in getting jobs in the Ministries and other Government offices. Among these are scores of young women from the age of 20 upwards. The majority are tolerably well educated and intelligent: the kind the women's service need urgently for officers. It is enough to give any service man or woman a pain to see these young ladies prancing self-importantly about the passages of their Ministries while the A.T.S. and the W.A.A.F. have to appeal for recruits by means of advertisements in the public press. But there they remain, embusquees, with their chiefs' connivance, although older women could do their work. Their jobs are interesting, comparatively lucrative, and they can live at ease. They are having a grand war and some of them will be sorry when it is over.

Then there are the young women who are still working in commercial houses. Too many of their chiefs, instead of allowing them to volunteer, put every obstacle in their way. And when these girls are called up for an interview, they are expected to put forward every argument for the need of their firm to retain their services. So they remain, until the Ministry of Labour finally scoops them from their shells.

Now it may be said that these young women are at least doing whole-time work which is helping the national effort in its own way, and there would be no room for criticism did not the services need every able-bodied young woman available. But there is another class for which it is harder to find any excuse. These are the women who are not doing whole-time work of any kind.

Token Service.

You will find a few specimens in pretty nearly every village in England. Most of them are well-to-do. They salve their consciences by occasionally doing part-time work in the local hospital, or attending working parties. They are prominent on flag days. They are always unbelievably busy. They talk a great deal about how little time they have. They are mainly young married women, with or without children. Now looking after young children is admittedly a whole-time job, and the State recognises its importance; but many of these women's children go to day-schools, or even to boarding-schools, and the younger ones still have nannies. For although it has been laid down that if a woman employs a nurse she must be considered available for whole-time work, the evasions persist. The legend goes about that "Poor Mrs. So-and-So is not very strong." But the shrewd observer will notice that she is strong enough to go to London once or twice a week, intent on having "a good time." She would be strong enough to free an unmarried girl for one of the services.

Leaving It To Others.

There is no need to continue the list. Everyone who reads this article will think of examples within his own knowledge. It is time these ladies faced reality. They are clinging to personal freedom, oblivious of the fact that the country needs the full-time service of every available woman to free a man to fight. They cannot yet understand that if Britain is to preserve her freedom she must win this war, and that unless she does win it, personal freedom will vanish completely from the world, as it has already vanished from a great part of it. At the moment they are content that others should shoulder their responsibilities. All who abet their evasion, even those who tolerate it, are aiding the enemy as surely as a saboteur or fifth columnist.

They have before them the shining example of all those women in this country whose work has amazed the world. The heights to which their spirit has risen was unpredictable in the summer of 1939. But no one supposes that they gave up their personal liberty, and all that personal liberty entails, without a qualm. Life for those who joined the women's services was not easy, particularly at first. It meant separation, discomfort, often hardship. All that they accepted, just as their menfolk accepted it, and with their menfolk they share the compensations. It is time that the woman who so far has evaded her responsibilities was honest with herself. She should get into a huddle with her conscience and ask herself "Am I doing all I might do? And if not, how then can I best help?"

Once she takes the plunge and abandons self-indulgence it may well be that she will find that she is far happier in the new experiences and wider life that will open before her. And if hitherto she has believed herself to be one of those who are "not very strong" let her take heed of that comfortable assurance "As thy day is, so shall thy strength be." She will find it true, and thus she will attain a wider freedom than she has known, the freedom of the gallant heart which is content to serve where it is needed most.

MARGATE

War Savers' Association.—Relics of bombs and mines dropped in the district by enemy aircraft were on view at an exhibition and fete organised by the newly-formed Margate War Savers' Association and held on Thursday at premises in High-street. Proceeds were in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Fund and the opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford), who referred to the fact that Margate savings amounted to over £800,000 and said it was hoped that the million mark would be reached during "Wings for Victory" Week. Displays were given by the A.R.P. casualty service, Margate Sea Cadets and members of the A.T.C. and the attractions included a play.

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On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Men have gone from all departments of Broadstairs Gas Company to serve in the armed forces and the firm is represented in each of the three fighting services, but chiefly in the Army.

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Interesting letters come from David A. Tapply, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tapply, of 19 Clarendon-road, Broadstairs, who was employed in the offices of the company. Twenty-two years of age, he served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps during the retreat through Burma and his experiences in that campaign were reported in the Advertiser & Echo in September. Since then David has transferred to the R.E.M.E. recovery section and has joined the Persia and Iraq Force after spending some time in India. During that time he spent an interesting leave in Bombay. In his latest letter he states that he has visited Babylon and seen the hanging gardens and other places of Biblical interest, but, despite all this sight-seeing, he says "Give me good old England every time." David is an old boy of Holy Trinity School, Broadstairs.

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John Cullens, well-known as the company's service manager, is a member of the Royal Air Force and last October was promoted to the rank of flying-officer. He obtained a commission in the service in November, 1941, and was stationed for some time in the Midlands, but he has recently been posted to a station in Scotland, where he is officer in charge of a section of the defence of the 'drome and mechanical transport. He describes his men as "guard dogs—lovely Alsatians" and says they are finding plenty of hard work to do. Soon he expects to have the additional job of organising the entertainments and this work is very much in his line. "It's a grand life," he writes.

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One of the collectors, Hermann Backhurst, who was educated at Hereson School, Ramsgate, is stationed on a searchlight site and after being in the Home Counties, has now been moved further afield. He and his wife always visit the company during his leaves and he is looking forward to returning to civilian life when the job is over.

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Just before Christmas George H. J. Bowers, of the distribution department, entered the General Service Corps. Others who have joined the services from the same department include Fred G. Hawkins, Bill Bristow, John L. Foad, Jack Waghorn and W. R. ("Bumble") Raybould.

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Fred Hawkins is serving in the Royal Navy somewhere in England, having joined in May last year. He is doing well as an ordnance mechanic and after a further course of training hopes to get his first ship. Fred visited his old colleagues during a recent leave at his home, 25 Green-lane, St. Peter's.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Bill Bristow, whose home is Claremount, The Vale, Broadstairs, is in India with the Royal Artillery and the company received a card from him at Christmastime, while John Foad is serving in West Africa. His father is now living in Windsor. Sergeant in charge of motor transport in the R.A.S.C., Jack Waghorn had the job of transporting part of the 1st Army to points of embarkation. "Bumble" Raybould is stationed in this country with the Royal Artillery and has been married since joining up.

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During his off-duty hours, Arthur Friend, of the office staff, whose wife now lives in Bath, has enjoyed himself deer hunting. A signaller in a Royal Artillery mountain battery, he finds mountaineering in full kit a toughening process and says that riding a mule is no easy task.

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The latest member of the works staff to leave for service is Jack Cox, of 3 Tunis-row, who has been in the General Service Corps just over a month. He had previous Army experience. Sgt. W. E. Hatchett, of 6 Balliol-road, Reading Street, and Capt. Jim Collins, were both employed at the works.

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Leslie Richard King, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. King, left last week to join the General Service Corps. An old boy of St. George's Central School, he is an Oddfellow and since leaving school has been employed as a mechanic at a local garage. In the last war Leslie's father served in France in the Army Service Corps.

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Ramsgate lads on leave include Acm. 2 Reg Tift, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Tift, of 76 Edith-road. Eighteen years old, Reg is an old St. Georgian and joined the Royal Air Force six months ago after being a member of the Air Training Corps. He is engaged on motor transport work and has four brothers in the services. Alf and Fred are both in the Navy and Herbert and George in the Army, the latter serving with the Rifle Brigade in the Middle East. Two other brothers, Charles, of The Buffs, and Philip, of the Royal Navy, have been discharged from the services and the youngest, Ronald, aged 17, has not yet joined the forces.

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Similar experiences are related in a letter from Sgt. Arthur Edmunds, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Edmunds, of Hurlington Hotel, Surrey-road, Margate, who is serving with the Army Catering Corps in North Africa. "The local inhabitants," he says, "are known as 'Wogs' and are quite the filthiest people one could imagine, for their dress is mainly composed of rags and it is difficult to say if they ever wash. . . . We are nearing the end of winter and what the summer will be like I hate to think, for during the day now it is as hot as an English summer, although the nights are bitterly cold. That makes sleep very difficult, especially as we are sleeping on a stone floor. I have been out once to a local town but was quite pleased to get back for the stench is really appalling." Sgt. Edmunds is 30 years of age and his elder brother, Philip, is on radiolocation work.

E/R/A Eric Stead.

A Ramsgate lad who is experiencing an adventurous career in the Royal Navy is E/R/A Eric Stead, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stead, of 11 Belmont-road. An old boy of Ellington School, he joined the Navy in July, 1940, and was among the survivors of the Ark Royal. Since that time he has been in another spot of bother—the corvette in which he was serving was torpedoed, but fortunately he escaped injury. Eric is now on convoy work and had six days' leave in Ramsgate recently. An Oddfellow, he was employed, before entering the Navy, by Messrs. Chayney and Co. Ltd., the scalemakers. He is 22 years of age and, before his retirement, his father was a well-known member of Ramsgate police force. Through the Advertiser & Echo Eric desires to send best wishes to all his friends in the forces.

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"The long lines of orange groves, just one mass of golden yellow, are certainly a sight worth seeing, but give me the apple blossom and countryside of Kent any day." This is the sentiment expressed by Ldg. Acm. Douglas W. Smith, of Ramsgate, who is in North Africa as a Royal Air Force wireless operator. Doug, an old St. Georgian, is the son of Mr. A. G. Smith, who was for many years a member of the old Ramsgate Town F.C. and who is now living at Cowley, Oxford, while engaged on war work. "We had a really pleasant journey most of the way," says Doug, "although when we reached our destination things proved lively for a while. For four days after landing we existed on the usual 'bully beef' and that in itself was an experience. It did not take long for things to get organised, however, and we do o.k. so far as meals go. The people here are very friendly towards us and do all they can to help the lads. The natives dress in the queerest robes and rags imaginable and it is certainly difficult to comprehend how some of them live in the filth, but they do. Another thing that hits the eye is the way in which the average native treats a horse. It makes one's blood boil to see them beat the poor creatures, for at the best of times they seem to be well overloaded. One good point about the place is that we get a chance to bathe in 'Mussolini's Lake'." Doug was formerly a member of St. George's choir and out there he and a few pals have formed a male voice choir to entertain the men. "We have quite a fair sized repertoire now," he says. "I have only met one Ramsgate fellow on this 'do' to date and he is Arthur Bax. We met on the boat and spent a pleasant two hours reminiscing. . . . They say travel broadens one's views. Well it's true, but I know that when this affair is over the only travelling I wish to do is to return safely home."

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Doug would welcome letters from his friends and his address is: 1289482 Ldg. Acm. Smith, D.W., A 9272 H.Q., R.A.F., A.P.O. 4330.

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A Royal Marine gunner on a merchant ship, Eric Glanfield, of Margate, who was reported missing, is now known to have been picked up at sea and taken to Rio de Janeiro after spending ten days in an open boat. A member of the Margate Borough Treasurer's staff before the war, he formerly lived in Westcliff-road, Margate, but his parents are now at Goldington, Beds.

BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—National savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's for the week ended 13th February amounted to £978, and were made up of savings certificates £320, defence bonds £25 and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £633. During January a total of £10,775 was saved, representing a considerable increase over the average monthly investments.

St. Valentine's Dance.—A lemon and some eggs were "knocked down" for £13 when Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, auctioned them at a St. Valentine's dance held at Bohemia. The event was organised by the Brighter Broadstairs League, the W.V.S. and a Royal Artillery battery, and realised nearly £90 for the St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind. Music was supplied by a military band and the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's) thanked the organisers and the 500 patrons for their support.

Templary.—Stories from the early life and struggles of Joseph Malins, founder of the Good Templar Order in England, were told by the Chief Templar, Mrs. L. A. Ware, at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mrs. O. E. Fennell, now living away from Broadstairs, and Pte. F. Brunger, home on leave, paid a visit, and messages from service members included those from Sig. H. McCabe, Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, Pte. A. Baker, Pte. B. Pointer and A/Sig. J. E. Ware, R.N. Mrs. B. Harrison, the lodge chaplain, conducted an intercession service and Mrs. N. McCabe, Mr. E. J. Glover and Mr. A. B. Impett were elected to represent the lodge on the Thanet Convention Juvenile Committee.

Funeral of Mrs. F. A. Walker.—The Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) officiated at the funeral at St. Peter's on Thursday of Mrs. Frances Anne Walker, of Somerville, Stone-road, Broadstairs. Mrs. Walker, who died the previous Sunday in a Paddington hospital, was 81 years of age and had been a resident in Broadstairs for about 30 years. As a child she went to the Azores while her father was British Consul there and she afterwards lived in Jersey for a time. Returning to England, she married the late Mr. W. F. Walker, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and of the Royal Geographical Society, and they moved to Broadstairs in 1910. Mr. Walker died in 1924. Serving as a flying officer in the R.A.F., their only son died 13 years ago and their only daughter, Mrs. White is the widow of Major A. W. White, M.C., who was killed in action in 1916. The family mourners at the funeral were Mrs. White and Capt. A. D. F. White (grandson).

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Former Thanet Candidate

DEATH OF CAPT. W. J. WEST

A former Thanet Liberal candidate, Capt. W. J. West passed away last week at his home at Woodmansterne, Surrey.

In the 1919 Thanet by-election Capt. West polled 7,058 votes as against 9,711 cast for his Conservative opponent, the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, now Lord Rothermere.

Capt. West attended Christ Church School, Ramsgate, and afterwards worked in his father's shoemaking shop in Albert-street. He started in business on his own account in Dane-hill, Margate, and then became associated with an insurance company.

Moving to Battersea, he took a prominent part in local government. He was elected to the borough council, later became an alderman and for a year was Mayor. He was also at one time a member of the London County Council.

Capt. West first sought Parliamentary honours in the Liberal cause in the Winchester division. Although defeated, he largely increased the Liberal vote.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 Capt. West became a voluntary recruiting agent and raised a pipe band at Battersea. His work was recognised by the granting of a commission and he was attached to the famous Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was responsible for the enlistment of 22,000 men into the Army and Navy. With his pipers he travelled 9,000 miles by train and marched 3,400 miles.

Capt. West, whose brother, Mr. J. West, lives at 19 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate, leaves a widow and two sons.

FIDELITY AND ZEAL

TRIBUTE TO EAST KENT TEMPLARY

"What a memorial for those who will come after. What a monument to fidelity and zeal," said the District Chief Templar (Mr. H. Jeffery) at the 69th annual session of the East Kent District Lodge of Good Templary, when speaking of the continued work of the lodges under war conditions.

Mr. Jeffery said it was the fourth time they were meeting in annual session under the shadow of war and for over three years the members had met in the lodge rooms, never sure that those meetings would not end in chaos and disaster.

The meeting was held in the Methodist Schoolroom, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Saturday, and the Thanet representatives present included Mr. A. B. Impett, Mr. T. E. McCabe, Mrs. Ware and Miss E. Whitehead (Broadstairs), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen, Mrs. C. Britton, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Fairbrass, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Evison, Mrs. Isaacs, Miss A. Coleman, Mr. F. W. Lacey, Mr. J. G. Setterfield, Mrs. Larkins, Mrs. G. Hunt and Mrs. E. W. Hunt (Ramsgate) and Mr. L. Parker (Margate).

The three Thanet Lodges, said Mr. Jeffery, were doing well considering existing conditions. They were united in effort and thus were assisting each other. The work of the Order was of vital importance and he wanted them to go back to their various towns and villages determined to prosecute the task to which God had called them and of which one day they must give an account to Him.

Mr. W. T. Harley (Sellindge), district superintendent of juvenile work, gave an interesting account of the activities of the juvenile branches at Broadstairs and Ramsgate and satisfactory financial statements were submitted by the district treasurer. Mrs. Hunt (Ramsgate) dealt with educational matters and the various officers were thanked for their efforts.

On the proposition of Mr. Jacobsen sympathy was extended to the relatives of those who had passed on and special reference was made to the tragic death during an air raid of Bro. Sam Glover, "a bright and promising lad who possessed the gifts which Templary needed."

A report by Mrs. Howting (Sheerness) showed that nearly £50 had been raised for the benefit of the orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames.

The district officers were installed by Mrs. E. A. Knight (Ramsgate) as follows: C.T., Mr. H. Jeffery (Ashford); Counsellor Mr. W. H. Jacobsen (Ramsgate); Supt. Juvenile Work, Mr. W. T. Harley (Sellindge); Supt. Legislative Work, Mr. J. G. Setterfield (Ramsgate); Vice-Templar, Mrs. Howting (Sheerness); secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Susans (Sheerness); treasurer, Mrs. G. Hunt (Ramsgate) Supt. Educational Work, Mrs. Ware (Broadstairs); chaplain, Mr. L. E. Jordan (Canterbury); marshals, Mr. F. Williams (Sheerness) and Mrs. Isaacs (Ramsgate); guard, Mr. Stokes (Dover); sentinel, Mrs. Williams (Sheerness); messenger and organist, Mrs. R. Watt (Ramsgate); foreign correspondent, Rev. Ward (Dartford).

The next session of the District Lodge is to be held at Ashford in May.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

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Dickens Recital.—The superintendent minister of the Ramsgate Methodist Circuit (the Rev. D. Llewellyn Williams) is to give a Dickens recital at the Centenary Hall, Hardres-street, Ramsgate, on Tuesday next at 7 p.m.

Savings.—Ramsgate's savings for the week ended 13th February amounted to £4,505, comprising £1,785 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £1,200 in 3 per cent. savings bonds, £890 in savings certificates, £530 in defence bonds and £100 in 2½ per cent. war bonds.

Darts.—The final matches in the Chislet Welfare Darts League played off at Ramsgate Social Club resulted in a victory for the Fordwich Arms team, who defeated the York Tavern (Ramsgate). In the semi-finals Fordwich Arms defeated the Social Club and the York Tavern gained the victory over Westbere Butts

Ambulance Ball.—An R.A.F. band will supply the music at the annual ball of the Cadet Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow night. Attractive prizes offered for novelty dances and competitions are on view in the windows of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., King-street, Ramsgate. There will be fully licensed bars, and further particulars will be found in the advertisement.

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COMRADES IN ARMS

RUSSIAN EXHIBITION OPENED AT MARGATE

"What we hope and pray for is that out of this comradeship in arms in war-time there will arise a friendship in peace. That is true of all the United Nations but is is particularly true of our relationship with Russia."

The Vicar of Margate (the Rev. K. Percival Smith) used these words at the opening of an exhibition of pictures of Russian life at Margate Youth Centre on Wednesday. The exhibition has been arranged by the Kent Education Committee under the auspices of the Anglo-Soviet Youth Friendship Alliance.

Mr. Percival Smith said the great idea produced by the last war was the League of Nations but that had failed because it was rather like a patchwork quilt in which some of the most vivid colours were left out. This war had produced a greater phrase—the United Nations. The advantage of it was that it had come out during the war and had not waited until afterwards. Included in the comradeship of arms called the United Nations was the great country of Soviet Russia. Some people might say that Russia was forced into the war by circumstances, some that its arrival in the war was an act of providence. Those who believed in the divine guidance of the war would probably take the latter line.

Wonderful Things.

"Every time we listen to the news in these days," said the Vicar, "the thought that is probably uppermost in our minds is how much further have the Russians gone in their advance, supported by their innate enthusiasm and their sacrificial ardour, their self-dedication to their country and to their ideals. They are doing wonderful things and as I have read of their advance in the past few weeks I have thought they must have the support of some supernatural power. Be that as it may, they have our admiration and are our comrades in arms."

Until Russia came into the war the attitude of the majority of the people of this country towards the Soviet was one of suspicion and the only way suspicion could be banished was by understanding. That meant taking the trouble to try to study and see what were the particular characteristics of the country with which they hoped to be friends in the future. They might be amazed if they were told that the Russian people were keen on freedom and had the highest respect for human personality and were instinctively a religious people. But those were, he believed, definite traits in the Russian character.

The Mayoress (Mrs. Cornford), who opened the exhibition, said the future of the world was to a large extent in the hands of the young people and therefore every opportunity should be taken without delay to encourage in all possible ways the principles outlined by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt.

BIRCHINGTON MAN DECORATED

Plt./Off. Richard Frost, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Frost, of Sutton, King's-avenue, Birchington, and of Streatham, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

He gained the honour while serving in the Middle East as a sergeant-pilot and is now in hospital recovering from wounds.

Twenty-one years of age, Plt./Off. Frost spent much time at Birchington before the war and was known locally as a hockey player. He joined the R.A.F. shortly after war broke out and became a wireless operator. Going abroad in 1940, he later trained as a pilot.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C. and Mrs. Ward presented the prizes at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association held at the Clarendon Hotel. The winners were Mrs. Strevens, Mr. Warley, Pte. Joy, Cpl. Hunter, L/Cpl. Pearce, Mr. C. Dymond, Mr. B. Cavey and Pte. Fennings.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Lawrence.—13th February, the wife of Herbert Lawrence, of Cleve Cottage, Cleve, Minster, of a son.

Tappenden.—17th February, at 20 Rodney-street, Ramsgate, the wife of J. W. Tappenden, R.N., of a daughter.

DEATHS

Green.—14th February, at 29 Rutland-gardens, Hove, E. B. C. Green, late of Ramsgate.

Thomas.—17th February, at 156 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, Frances Thomas, aged 25 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Mirams.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Eliza Jane Mirams, who died on 22nd February, 1939.
We miss her smile, her kindly ways
With her we spent many happy days;
We miss her when we need a friend—
On her we always could depend.
—140 Southwood-road, Ramsgate.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. H. G. Holbrook and family wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown them in their bereavement, and for floral tributes; also Mr. W. H. Maskell for funeral arrangements.

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